

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine (1) **having comprising** a frame (2), a table top (3) inclined to the horizontal being attached to the top side of the frame, ~~characterized in that~~ at least one collecting opening (4) for liquids, fragments of containers or similar foreign bodies (F) is formed in the table top (3), and the areas of the table top (3) connected to the collecting opening (4) are **being** inclined with a falling slope to the collecting opening (4).

2. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ **wherein** a drop chute (5) for the foreign bodies (F) is connected to the collecting opening (4) toward the lower end.

3. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to Claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ **wherein** the collecting opening (4) has a rectangular base shape and is positioned centrally in the table top (3) which also has a rectangular base shape.

4. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 3,~~ **wherein** ~~characterized in that~~ a hollow space (7) to receive one of drive elements (8), and control elements (9) ~~or the like~~ is formed between the drop chute (5) and the outside walls (6) of the frame (2).

5. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ **wherein** the hollow space (7) is ring-shaped.

6. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 5,~~ **wherein** ~~characterized in that~~ a treatment device (10) for the containers is arranged above the collecting opening (4).

7. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 6, wherein~~ characterized in that a linear conveyor (11) for the containers is arranged above the collecting opening (4).

8. (Currently amended) Container treatment machine according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 7, wherein~~ characterized in that it the container treatment machine is designed as an inspection machine.